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## Foreword

The year 1950 is not only significant because it is the year of the mid-century, but also because it is the tenth anniversary of the Smith Academy yearbook. To mark the occasion, we are presenting this yearbook, which is new in several respects. To give the reader a better view of school life, we have given more space to pictures which present people and groups in their natural surroundings, performing everyday tasks. Also, we have changed the name of our yearbook, to avoid confusion with our school paper, "The Purple and White Echo". It is, therefore, with great pride that we present our yearbook, published with the help of the students, the faculty and our advisor, Mr. Cassidy. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy and treasure the 1950 ECHO.



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Smith Academy, Hatfield, Massachusetts



MISS MAUDE E. BOYLE

Today, when the entire world is emotionally upset, there is an increasing need for singing and for people who can sing from the heart as well as from the mouth. For this reason it is appropriate for us to dedicate this yearbook to one who has done much to further this aim, Miss Maude E. Boyle.

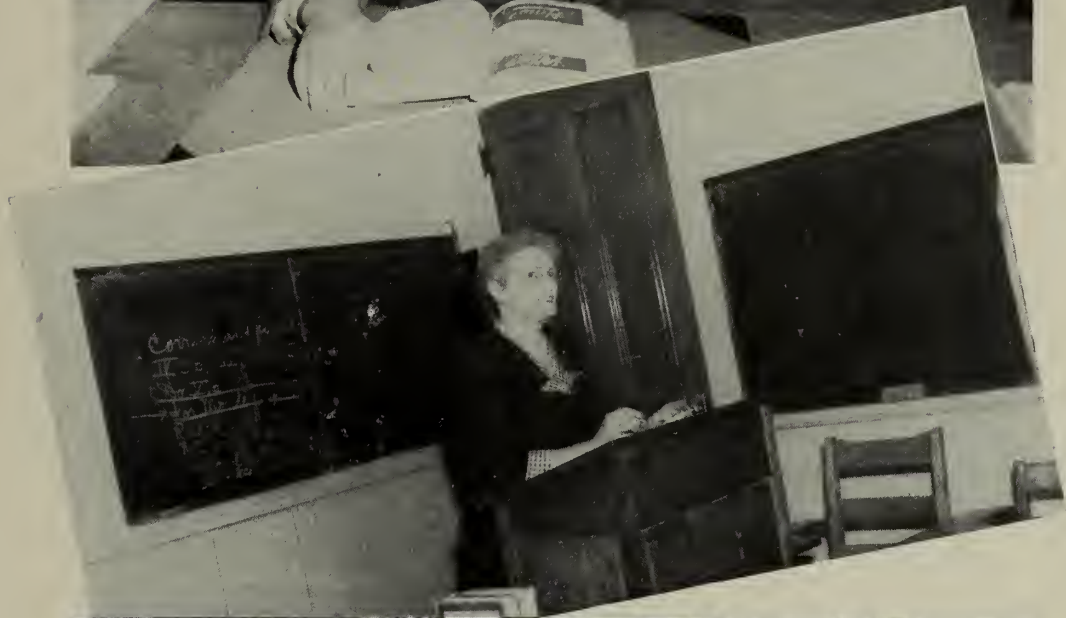
During her years as supervisor of music, she has given her time unselfishly to developing our appreciation for the art of music; to developing the hidden talents of our many local musicians, and to furthering, in general the study of music at Smith Academy.

Many of our school programs have been made entertaining by the glee clubs under the direction of Miss Boyle, and her tireless effort is responsible for our first musical production, "Music Thru the Ages", which was successfully produced last year.

This is our way of thanking Miss Boyle, who always steps aside while the voices of Smith Academy are being applauded.



# FACULTY



1 MR. JAKOBEC

2 MISS RYAN

3 MR. CASSIDY



*Teacher*

Mrs. Florence E. Muller

*Subjects*

French I, II, III  
Latin I  
Plane Geometry  
Physical Education  
General Mathematics

*Extra-Curricular  
Activities*

Girls' Basketball  
Coach  
Junior Guidance  
Instructor



Mrs. Mary A. Spakowski

*Subjects*

Biology  
Home Economics  
Civics  
Home and Family

*Sophomore Adviser*

Future  
Homemakers Club  
Adviser



George C. Feiker

*Subjects*

Agriculture I, II

*F.F.A. Adviser*

Sophomore  
Guidance Instructor



*Teacher*

Mrs. Margaret E. Pruzynski

*Subjects*

Typing I, II

Shorthand I, II

Secretarial Practice

*Extra-Curricular  
Activities*

Senior Adviser

School Paper  
Adviser



John F. Symancyk

Asst. Principal

Physics

General Science

General Mathematics

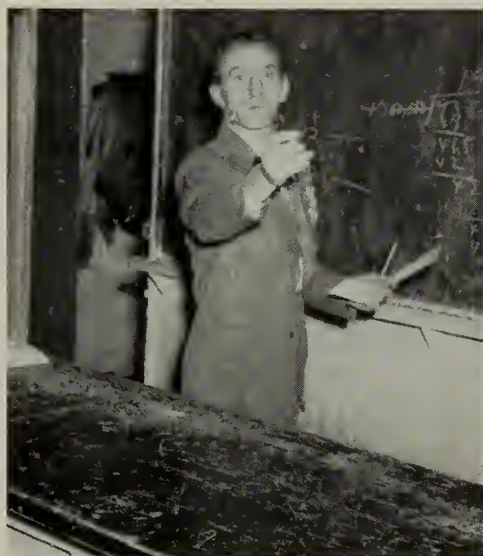
Physical Education

Soccer Coach

Frosh Basketball

Coach

Baseball Coach



Mr. Frank A. Brehm - Custodian





Freshman Year



Sophomore Year



Junior Year

# SENIORS



# 1950



JOHN BARRETT

"Jackie"

Hatfield General Boys' Glee Club 1, 2, 3. Music 1, 2, 3, 4. Class President 3, 4. Basketball, Junior Varsity 1, 4. Soccer 1, 4. Basketball Manager 2, 3. President of Student Council 4. Good Gov't Day Representative 3. Senator 4. Prize Speaking 2, 3. (Second prize) 3. Senior Play 3, 4. Thespians 3, 4. F.F.A. 4. Baseball 4. Washington Trip 4.

Maples . . . The "Y" . . . Chester . . . Dancing . . .



HELEN BACKIEL

"Honey"

Hatfield Commercial Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Music 1, 2, 3, 4. Class Secretary 4. Executive Committee 1, 2. Basketball 4. School paper 2, 3, 4. Yearbook 4. Thespian 3. Washington Trip 4.

North Main Street . . . Roger . . . Square Dances . . . Lovable smile . . . Swell personality . . .



MARY BELDEN

"May"

Bradstreet Classical Music 1, 2, 3, 4. Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Girls' Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4. Vice-President of Class 3. Student Council 2, 4. Executive Committee 1, 2. Prize Speaking 3. President Girls' Glee Club 4. School paper 3, 4. Yearbook 3, 4. Pro Merito 3, 4. Senior Play 4. Thespians 3, 4. Class Treasurer 2. Washington Trip 4.

Square Dances . . . She and Carol . . . Basketball . . . Good sport . . . Food . . .



JOYCE CANTWELL

"Cuz"

Bridgeport, Conn. Classical  
Cheerleader 3, 4. Class Treasurer 3. Prom  
Committee 3. Good Gov't Day Representa-  
tive 4. Music 3, 4. Senior Play 3, 4. Thes-  
pians 3, 4. Thespian Secretary 4. Treasurer  
Girls' Glee Club 3. Vice-President Girls'  
Glee Club 4. Yearbook 3, 4. School paper  
3, 4. Assistant Manager Girls' Basketball  
4. Washington Trip 4.

School Street . . . Sid . . . She, Dottie,  
and Ann inseparable . . . Square Dances  
. . . Peppy Cheerleader . . .



GEORGE COOR

"Mississippi"

Mississippi Vocational  
Basketball 3, 4. Future Farmers of Ameri-  
ca 3, 4. Vice-President of F.F.A. 3. Wash-  
ington Trip 4.

Yo'all . . . White Eagle . . . Sports . . .  
Sweet talk . . .



DOROTHEA FORTSCH

"Dottie"

Hatfield Classical  
Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Music 1, 2, 3,  
4. Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4. Executive Com-  
mittee 1. Girls' Basketball 1, 4. Class vice-  
president 2. Prize Speaking 3. President  
Girls' Glee Club 3. Prom Committee 3.  
School paper 3, 4. Yearbook 3, 4. Thes-  
pians 3, 4. Senior Play 3, 4. Thespian vice-  
president 4. Washington Trip 4.

Dancing . . . Basketball games . . . She  
and the two cousins . . . Cute laugh . . .

FRANCIS HOLHUT

"Fa"

Hatfield Vocational  
Music 1, 2. Glee Club 1, 2. Future Farmers  
of America 3, 4. Secretary Future Farmers  
of America 3, 4.

Shy . . . Cute smile . . . Good sport . . .  
History??? . . .



ANN KENNEDY

"Cous"

Hatfield Classical  
Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Music 1, 2, 3,  
4. Executive Committee 1, 2. School paper  
3, 4. Yearbook 3, 4. Prize Speaking 3  
(Second prize). Music Committee 3, 4.  
Thespians 3, 4. Senior Play 3, 4. Prom  
Committee 3. Washington Trip 4.

Navy . . . Square Dances . . . Dick . . .  
She, Dottie and Joyce . . . Algebra???



CAROL LEVITRE

"Cookie"

Hatfield Commercial  
Music 1, 2, 3, 4. Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3,  
4. Yearbook 3, 4. School paper 1, 2, 3, 4.  
Corresponding Secretary of W. M. L. S.  
P. 4. Class Secretary 3. Class Treasurer 4.  
D.A.F. Student 4. Cheerleader 3. Thes-  
pian 3, 4. Prom Committee 3. Secretary-  
Treasurer Girls' Glee Club 4. Executive  
Committee 1, 2. Washington Trip 4.

Square Dances . . . She and Mary . . .  
Springfield . . . George . . .





## PHYLLIS PELIS

"Phyll"

Hatfield Commercial  
Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Music 1, 2, 3, 4. Yearbook 4. School paper 2, 3, 4. Thespian 4. Washington Trip 4.

George . . . Baby-sitting . . . Problems Class??? . . . Quiet . . .

## ANTOINETTE NEILSON

"Toni"

Hatfield General  
Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Music 1, 2, 3, 4. Music 1, 2, 3, 4. Prize Speaking 3. Washington Trip 4.

Terry's . . . Kindhearted . . . Very quiet . . . Opera . . .

## JOAN MORIARTY

"Jo"

Hatfield General  
Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Music 1, 2, 3, 4. Music 1, 2, 3, 4. Yearbook 4. Prize Speaking (First prize). Thespian 4. Senior Play 4. School paper 4. Washington Trip 4.

Likes to laugh . . . Ashfield . . . Square Dancing . . . Jokes . . . Likes prowling cats





BERNARD SAYDLOWSKI

"Super"

Hatfield Classical  
Music 1, 2, 3, 4. Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Class Vice-president 1. Class president 2. Thespians 2, 3, 4. Senior Play 2, 3, 4. School paper 2, 3, 4. Yearbook 2, 3, 4. Thespian Stage Manager 3. Student Council President 3. Prize Speaking 3 (First prize). Boys' State Delegate 3. Pro Merito 3, 4. Student Council 3, 4. Editor of School paper 3, 4. Boys' Glee Club President 4. Yearbook editor 4. Secretary-Treasurer Student Council 4. Washington Trip 4. M. Larkin Proulx Shield 3. Valedictorian.

Leader . . . Girls . . . Chemistry . . . Professeurs.



JANET VOLLINGER

"JJ"

Hatfield Classical  
Music 1, 2. Girls' Glee Club 1, 2. Girls' Basketball 2. Girls' Basketball Manager 4. Senior Play 2, 3, 4. Thespians 2, 3, 4. Class Secretary 2. Yearbook 4. School paper 3, 4. Executive Committee 1, 2. Prom Committee 3. Washington Trip 4.

Butch . . . Dancing . . . Motorcycles . . . Clothes . . . Driving Cars . . . Damon Road, Northampton . . .



ROBERT WIDELO

"Bobby"

Hatfield General  
Boys' Glee Club 1, 2. Music 1, 2. Class Treasurer 1. School paper 2, 4. Student Council 3. Basketball 3, 4. Soccer Manager 3. Vice-President of Class 4. Yearbook 4. Prize Speaking 3. Thespian 4. Senior Play 4. Washington Trip 4.

Handsome . . . Good Sport . . . Likes Bookkeeping . . . Allergic to girls?? . . . Nice smile . . .



SENIOR CLASS ADVISOR

#### SENIOR HISTORY

##### Friends and Classmates:

In 1946, nineteen enrolled as Smith Academy freshmen. Our class officers were as follows: president, Raymond Jenness, Jr.; vice-president, Bernard Saydlowski; secretary, Joseph Kirejczyk; and treasurer, Robert Widelo. The member of our class to be appointed to the Student Council was George Coor. In February the class gave a Valentine Party which included dancing, refreshments and games. An outstanding event of the year was the reception given to us by the class of '48.

As we stepped into the sophomore year, there were twenty members with us. Officers this year were: president, Bernard Saydlowski; vice-president, Dorothea Fortsch; secretary, Janet Vollinger; treasurer, Mary Belden. Carol Levitre, Helen Backiel, and Ann Kennedy made up our executive committee. The member of the class appointed to the Student Council was Mary Belden. We sponsored a Hallowe'en party which was a remarkable event, including stunts, games, eats, and dancing.

Then we journeyed on to our Junior year. The following officers were elected: president, John Barrett; vice-president, Mary Belden; secretary, Carol Levitre; and treasurer, Joyce Cantwell. In

the mid-year we undertook the responsibility of sponsoring the concession at the basketball games. The outcome being successful, we were given the concession at the Saturday night Square Dances. We also welcomed the Freshmen into Smith Academy. Members of our class elected to the Student Council were Robert Widelo and Bernard Saydlowski.

Finally, the arrival of our senior year with fifteen members. Class officers were: president, John Barrett; vice-president, Robert Widelo; secretary, Helen Backiel; and treasurer, Carol Levitre.

Student Council representatives include: Mary Belden, John Barrett, and Bernard Saydlowski. We had the opportunity to carry on the Square Dance concession, which built up our treasury.

In April, the most exciting event took place. This was the Washington Trip which was enjoyed immensely and will be remembered for the rest of our lives.

The honor students were announced in May. They include: Valedictorian, Bernard Saydlowski; salutatorian, Mary Belden; third honors, Joyce Cantwell; fourth honors, Helen Backiel; and fifth honors, Phyllis Pelis. On June 20, 1950, fifteen of us received diplomas and were ready to look into the new venture of life.

Janet Vollinger '50

#### EX-SENIORS

JOSEPH KIREJCZYK  
LEONARD KLEKOT  
STANLEY MASON

DONALD HOLT  
RAYMOND JENNESS, JR.  
JOSEPH SZYCH



# C L A S S E S



1 Latin

2 Typing

3 Household Arts



SMILES

# JUNIORS

## JUNIOR CLASS

On September 14, the Junior class held a meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the year. Under the supervision of Miss Ryan, the class advisor; Donald Jandzinski was elected president; Eugene La France, vice-president; Robert Hojnoski, secretary; and Henry Kabat, treasurer. The class was represented in the Student Council by Donald Jandzinski and Phyllis Kochan.

As is the tradition, the Junior class was host at the Freshman Initiation Dance. With the the help of the class members, a successful party was produced.

In March the class took over the concession (selling refreshments at Saturday night Square

Dances) at the Town Hall. The profits went into the treasury, to be used in the Senior year.

The Juniors were very pleased to have four boys, Chester Foster, Robert Hojnoski, Henry Kabat, and Donald Jandzinski participating in basketball this year. They all showed fine sportsmanship and it is hoped that they will keep up the good work next year. The Juniors were also very pleased to have three girls from the class—Marilyn Pelc, Nancy Barsh, and Phyllis Kochan—as cheerleaders. Many reported for the senior play tryouts, and those taking part in the play were Patricia Mason, Donald Jandzinski, Mildred Novak, Phyllis Kochan, Eleanor Vollinger, and Francis Godin.



# SOPHOMORES

## SOPHOMORE NEWS

The officers for the Class of 1952 are: president—Thomas Romanowski, vice-president—Mitchell Backiel, secretary—Anna Kukucka, treasurer—Margaret Englehardt, Student Council representative—Thomas Prucnal, sergeant-at-arms—Leonard Majeskey. The class advisor is Mrs. Spakowski.

The sophomore class was well represented in soccer for almost half the boys on the team were sophomores. Although the season wasn't too successful, our boys played their best all the time. The sophomore athletes who received soccer letters were: Mitchell Backiel, William Korza, George Klocko, Thomas Romanowski, Thomas Prucnal and Connie Pelis.

A Hallowe'en dance sponsored by our class on October 27, 1949, was a great success. This dance was on the verge of being a complete failure, when a hired orchestra didn't show up. Through the hard work of the music committee and Mrs. Spakowski, a student band was rounded up and

because of these amateur musicians the good name and reputation of our class was upheld.

Many sophomores went out for basketball, and although we won only five games our boys fought all the way. Sophomore athletes who received first team uniforms were: William (Buckwheat) Korza, George (Machek) Klocko, Thomas (Romo) Romanowski, Thomas (Prutzy) Prucnal and Leonard (Spook) Majeskey. Class athletes who saw Junior Varsity action were: Connie (Kostek) Pelis, Mitchell (Bouncer) Backiel, Eugene (Euj) Staszko and Euclid (Rocky) Laroque.

The sophomores came through with flying colors again when they took the annual inter-class tournament by trouncing the Freshmen 69 to 27. This is the second year that our class has taken the championship of this event; we took it last year as Freshmen.

This yearbook goes to press before I can name any sophomore baseball players or tell about the success of the baseball team, but with the enthusiasm shown beforehand, I can tell that the sophomores will be well represented on this club.



GLADYS HIDING

# FRESHMEN



23 STRONG FUTURE HOPE

## FRESHMAN NEWS

Twenty-three new girls and boys entered Smith Academy last September to begin their Freshman year in high school. They elected as their class officers, Carl Wendoloski, president; Jane Dugal, vice-president; Sylvia Raffa, secretary and Judy Ryan, treasurer. Student council representative is Fred Belden. Mr. Cassidy was unanimously chosen to act as class advisor.

Because all the Frosh boys went out for basketball, it was decided to have them make up a separate team. The boys did well in all their games, winning eight and losing six. Mr. Symancyk coached them and their classmates hope that next season some of them will make the Junior Varsity.

For playing such fine basketball this year, the class awarded each player a Frosh letter.

The girls, too, have a good team. It is hoped by all that next year the girls will make up a second team for Smith Academy.

The Freshman Dance was held on April 14th at the Memorial Town Hall, with Ray Black's Orchestra furnishing the music for dancing. A wishing well was placed in the center of the floor and pennies were thrown in and wishes made. Colors for decorations were mostly green, white and purple. White letters spelling out FROSH were set against the stage. With all Freshmen doing their best to help, the dance was a great success.



# ACTIVITIES



1 School Paper Editors

2 Glee Club Officers

3 Thespian Officers

# Student Council

## STUDENT COUNCIL

On September 9, the Student Council members met to elect officers for the year. These were: John Barrett, president; Phyllis Kochan, vice president; Bernard Saydlowski, secretary-treasurer. The other members who dedicated their time unselfishly to the Council affairs were Mary Belden, Donald Jandzinski, Fred Belden and Thomas Prucnal.

The first matter to be discussed by the Student Council was the magazine campaign, which was sponsored successfully by this group again this year. The proceeds were used for many purposes during the year. A large part of the sum was used to purchase a radio-phonograph combina-

tion for the school. This equipment is a decided addition to our many audio-visual aids.

Acting on the suggestion of several members of the faculty, the Student Council sponsored a contest to find a name and an emblem for the athletic teams. This undertaking was not successful. However, a name may be found by next basketball season.

After the last basketball game before Christmas, the Council held a party, to which the Sanderson Academy basketball team was invited. Refreshments served during the evening consisted of sandwiches, cocoa and cookies.

The Student Council has enjoyed a fairly successful year, during which many problems have been introduced and solved.





### PRO MERITO

The Pro Merito Chapter of Smith Academy is an honorary scholastic group. To become a member, one must have at least an eighty-five average, and to remain a member one must retain this scholastic standing for all the years in high school. The society is divided into two groups, the Senior Pro Merito and the Junior Pro Merito. Members of the Senior Pro Merito this year were Mary Belden and Bernard Saydlowski and the members of the Junior Pro Merito were Phyllis Kochan, Mildred Novak, Nancy Barsh and Dorothy Goodwin. Since there were so few members, no officers were elected.

The Smith Academy Chapter is a member of the Massachusetts Pro Merito Society which holds annual meetings in various schools in the state. This year, because of conflict of time, the local members were unable to attend the state convention in Westfield.

The Pro Merito was established to give students the proper honor for attaining high grades, and thus to further interest in studies, which sometimes tend to become less interesting as the number of extra-curricular activities grows. As the interest in the Pro Merito grows, the students will receive better grades in their studies.

# PRO MERITO



# THESPIANS



## STRICTLY FORMAL

On November 4, the Smith Academy Thespians presented the three-act play, "STRICTLY FORMAL" at the Hatfield Memorial Town Hall. The scene was the living room of the Cutler residence. Joyce Cantwell played the role of Jane Cutler, a teen-age girl with a prom problem. Ann Kennedy gave a hilarious performance as Cindy, Jane's cousin and little helper, who had more ideas than were needed. Dorothea Fortsch was sweet and likeable in her role of Sally, who had trouble with handsome Robert Widelo, as her boy friend Jim, who had a mind only for passing French. Donald Jandzinski gave a splendid performance as Elroy, the boy who did not like girls but believed mostly in his shot-putting. As a nervous father, Bernard Saydlowski gave a dignified performance and was quieted down with the help of his well-mannered wife, played very nicely by Joan Moriarty. Much humor was added by Francis Godin, who portrayed Mr. Ahern, a quick-tempered man who seemed to always be

in trouble with Mr. Cutler. John Barrett, in the role of George, Jane's No. 1 beau, was faced with many problems concerning the girls. Phyllis Kochan had the breathless part of Marilyn, who was chasing after Elroy. Patricia Mason cast as Agnes, the bedraggled maid of the house, gave a witty performance. Janet Vollinger displayed much glamour in the part of Marcia, the sophisticated triple-threat from New York. As the high-strung Mrs. Tilton, Mary Belden acted out her part with great authority, but had a little trouble with her younger daughter, Josie, whom everyone regarded as a brat, cleverly portrayed by Elinor Vollinger. Mildred Novak had the role of Rose, the girl with the mumps, who stirred up a bit of action. Carl Wendoloski, as Bob, a lieutenant in the Air Force, was nice-looking and quiet and liked to eat.

The prompters for the play were Dorothy Goodwin and Phyllis Pelis.

For her fine direction, Miss Ryan was presented a pen and pen holder by the cast.

# Thespians

I'm dying,  
hey!



Unhand that  
Woman!

Don't hurt  
him, Francis!





### YEARBOOK

This year the yearbook staff worked especially hard to produce a book different from the traditional Smith Academy yearbook. Heading the staff of industrious contributors was Bernard Saydlowski, the editor-in-chief. His two chief assistants were Mary Belden, business manager, and Donald Jandzinski, associate editor. Literary editor, Janet Vollinger headed the staff which provided the book with most of its written material; other staff members were Helen Backiel, Ann Kennedy, Elinor Vollinger, Phyllis Kochan, Mildred Novak, Ann Foster and Joyce Cantwell. Carol Levitre was editor of the art staff, which

included Thomas Prucnal and Eugene La France. The photography was under control of Ann Kennedy and her assistants, Janet Vollinger, Dorothy Goodwin, and Francis Godin. The difficult job of soliciting advertisements was under the supervision of the advertising managers John Barrett and Joyce Cantwell. They received help from many of the other members of the yearbook staff. Robert Widelo, Phyllis Pelis and Joan Moriarty were in charge of subscriptions and Dorothea Fortsch was the treasurer for the year. Mr. Cassidy, the advisor, gave much valuable counsel to make this an outstanding book. With the combined effort of all these people, this volume of the ECHO was produced.



# A ATIONS



## SCHOOL PAPER

This year there was a very good turnout for the school paper staff. In September the following staff was organized: editor-in-chief, Bernard Saydlowski; associate editors, Phyllis Kochan and Mary Belden; literary editors, Ann Kennedy and Joyce Cantwell; art editor, Dorothea Fortsch; art staff, Thomas Prucnal and Dorothy Goodwin; typists, Carol Levitre, Helen Backiel, Phyllis Pelis, Donald Jandzinski and Eugene La France; business manager, Carol Levitre; business staff, Robert Widelo and Phyllis Pelis; reporters, Joan Moriarty, Mildred Novak, George Klocko, Fred Belden, Ann Foster and Helen Backiel; and advisors, Miss Ryan and Mrs. Pruzynski.

Besides the regular staff, we had several people who wrote columns for us. Our feature section was replaced by a gossip column, "Soup to Nuts", by Janet Vollinger; and the sports section was re-

placed by a sports column by John Barrett. There have also been some new additions: a joke column, "Side Busters", by Leonard Majesky and Eugene Staszko; a music column by Ann Kennedy; a society column, "Mary-Go-Round", by Joyce Cantwell; and a fashion column by Eleanor Vollinger. Another column which drew a great deal of attention was "Man About Town" by an alumnus of Smith Academy who wished to remain anonymous.

The staff was well represented at W.M.L.S.P. convention in October and May. At the May convention we learned that the newspaper had won the cup for general excellence for the second time. The entire staff hopes that soon the cup will remain at Smith Academy forever.

The school paper has been greatly improved, but it is hoped that posterity will make it even better.



**GLEE  
CLUBS**





F.F.A.

# Future Farmers of America

The Future Farmers of America, or F.F.A. as it is commonly known, is the national organization of, by and for boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

The Smith Academy Chapter of the F.F.A., striving for cooperative spirit and leadership, is led by Dave Omasta. Bill Korza, Francis Holhut, Chester Foster and John Barrett as vice president, secretary, treasurer and reporter respectively, aid Dave in trying to improve scholarship, strengthen confidence, develop character, train for useful citizenship and foster patriotism.

Though a young organization, the chapter has built up a small treasury, helped in community work, and feels that next year will be even a better one for the gang.





# Prize Speaking



## ANNUAL PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

MEMORIAL TOWN HALL

MAY 9, 1950

### PROGRAM

*1.	Failure of Success	Eugene La France
2.	Father Flanagan's Toughest Customer	Eleanor Vollinger
†3.	The Silver Bracelet	Donald Jandzinski
†4.	The Soul of the Violin	Phyllis Kochan
5.	A Scene on the Battlefield	Chester Foster
‡6.	How to Raise a Dog	Patricia Mason
‡7.	How to Be a Ghost	Francis Godin
*8.	The Night the Bed Fell	Marilyn Pelc
9.	Wanted—Dead or Alive	David Omasta
10.	The Gift of the Magi	Dorothy Goodwin

\*First Prize      ‡Second Prize      †Third Prize

"Night Herding Song" . . . . . Cowboy Song

Boys' Glee Club

Frederick Belden, '53, Accompanist

"Alleluia" . . . . . Descant-Zanzig

"Bonnie Doon" . . . . . Burns-Miller

Girls' Glee Club

Mary Belden, '50, Accompanist

### Conferences of Judges

Mrs. Katherine Bell	Deerfield High School
Miss Evelyn Marinus	Hatfield
Miss Jean Kempisty	Hatfield

### AWARD OF PRIZES

SMITH ACADEMY SONG

# S P O R T S



1 J V Cheerleaders

2 Junior Varsity

3 V Cheerleaders

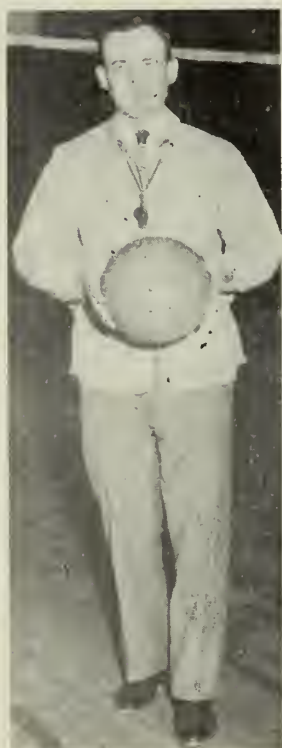
# BASKETBALL

## VARSITY BASKETBALL

According to the record book our varsity basketball won five and lost eighteen during this year's campaign. Everyone here at Smith Academy knows that there is a lot more to the story of the season than appears in "THE BOOK".

First of all, this was scheduled to be another building year and as such it certainly was a success. To prove this, this Sophomore-Junior club showed an improvement of 21 points per game over the whole season when compared with last year's performance as a Freshman-Sophomore club.

Not only did the team improve as a group but this year also saw individuals coming into their own—little "BUCKWHEAT" KORZA getting bigger and better by way of a good one hand push shot and a keen sense of shifting and sliding as the chaser in zone play—"HYMO" HOJNOSKI shooting his way to the top ten of the Hampshire league with a fake and go away hook shot that



VARSITY COACH

drove good guards to despair — two handed GEORGE KLOCKO getting off shots that looked impossible even to George — "TOMMY" ROMANOWSKI catching on fast to a new club and coming up with the ball time after time when it looked lost — "DON" JANDZINSKI driving, driving, all the time with a will unsurpassed hereabouts — "CHET" FOSTER running the show from his right guard spot, passing and faking and driving in to catch the opponent off guard — "HANK" KABAT sticking to his man like glue, to intercept a pass or bog up their offense, to work the ball inside for a hand off or a lay up — GEORGE COOR sparking the drive in early season games — "TOMMY" PRUCNAL and "SPOOK" MAJESKI stepping up from the second team to take their places with the big boys in a way that gave us all heart to look to the future with hope.

With everyone but George Coor back next year it looks like the lean years we have had recently may be at an end. LOOK OUT HOPKINS!!!



# J.V.

## JUNIOR VARSITY

This year the Junior Varsity games turned out very well. The boys not only received the much-needed experience; they also were victorious on a few occasions. Although the boys may not be on the first team, they come in handy when one of the Varsity five gets hurt or is removed from the game via the foul route. The boys have played a good brand of ball on the polished surface. Next year Coach Cassidy expects to have a good second team and a better first team. Here is the scoring of the 18 games the J.V.'s played this season:

S. A.	38	Huntington	18
S. A.	35	Smith School	44
S. A.	12	Hopkins	36
S. A.	26	Sanderson	17
S. A.	16	Orange	26
S. A.	17	Deerfield	43
S. A.	20	So. Hadley	53
S. A.	31	St. Michael's	50
S. A.	24	Orange	42
S. A.	22	Amherst	41
S. A.	34	Arms	26
S. A.	21	Smith School	36
S. A.	23	Hopkins	44
S. A.	25	Arms	32
S. A.	35	Deerfield	55
S. A.	13	So. Hadley	33
S. A.	40	St. Michael's	35
S. A.	11	Amherst	31



# Frosh



# S OCCER

## SOCCKER

The soccer picture at Smith Academy for 1949 was not a very impressive one as the team tied one game and lost eight in the Hampshire League.

However, needless to say, most recognize the fact that this team is comparatively young and inexperienced as compared with the competition that had to be faced during the regular season.

In spite of the won and lost record against the team, a marked improvement in the general team play plus the honorable mention given Donald Jandzinski in the Scholastic Sports Review as one of the Hampshire' League's outstanding players contributed definitely to the evenly matched league that it turned out to be. Eddie Mersli, goalie, proved to be another team player who contributed much to the improved play of the team as a whole. "Dave" Omasta, in the fullback spot, time and time again, kept the opponent's offense from "clicking" with his timely booting of the ball down the field.

George Klocko, at center forward, with his calm and deliberate play was the outstanding key man in the line. With two years of such competi-

tion, Klocko should show more aggressiveness in the next two years.

Billy Korza, diminutive right wing, was again sparkling at times when our offense was pounding the opponent's goal. His wealth of ability will be brought out in other future contests.

Tommy Romanowski, a newcomer to Smith Academy, having transferred from Northampton High School, showed definite signs of ability to play soccer for the first time.

To play along and strengthen this group were Connie Pelis, Mitchie Backie, Donnie Bryant, Richie Woloss, Carl Wendoloski, and John Barrett. Ably handling the manager's job was Tommy Prucnal.

### The summary:

S. A.	0	Hopkins	6
S. A.	0	Easthampton	6
S. A.	0	Holyoke	5
S. A.	2	Smith School	2
S. A.	0	Hopkins	3
S. A.	0	Easthampton	5
S. A.	0	Holyoke	7
S. A.	0	Smith School	2
S. A.	0	Commerce	3



# BASEBALL

## BASEBALL

Baseball was again tried at Smith Academy this year with 18 boys starting the season. The team was composed of mostly freshmen and sophomores, with only two seniors on the team. Robert Hojnoski was unable to play this year because of a kidney injury suffered in practice and Tom Romanowski was lost part way through the season with an injury. The loss of Hojnoski made our pitching staff weak. The team played a twelve game schedule losing to Hopkins twice, Smith School twice, Arms twice, and until this writing have lost to the following teams once: Amherst, So. Deerfield, and St. Michaels. Only two members of the team will be lost through graduation so S.A. can look forward to a fair season next year.





# GIRLS' BASKETBALL



## Freshman Basketball Team

The starting five of the team which is composed of nine boys, were Edwin Smith, Edward Merski, Fred Belden, Richard Wolass, and Don Bryant. Sometimes "Smack" Wenedoloski took the place of one of these boys. The other players, Walter Piekunka, Mike "Foxie" Ziezulewicz, and Stanley Cybulski did much to further the success of the team. Coach Symancyk taught these boys how to play basketball and five out of eleven times they were victorious. The boys also played some ball with the Jay Vees and thus received a little more of that experience needed to make good ball players. Mr. Symancyk hopes that the boys will play on the Jay Vee team next year, and in about two more years Coach Cassidy will have a championship team in Smith Academy again.

Here are the statistics of the Freshman team games.

S. A. Frosh	24	Hamp Frosh	53
S. A. Frosh	51	8th Gr. Hatfield	21
S. A. Frosh	32	Deerfield Frosh	28
S. A. Frosh	20	Deerfield Frosh	45
S. A. Frosh	41	St. M. Fr. Ind.	19
S. A. Frosh	16	S. A. J.V.	38
S. A. Frosh	19	S. A. J.V.	39
S. A. Frosh	37	Deerfield Midg.	41
S. A. Frosh	39	Deerfield Frosh	30
S. A. Frosh	34	Arms Frosh	28
S. A. Frosh	39	Arms Frosh	47

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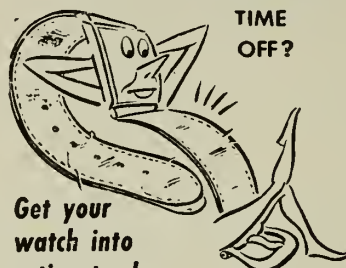
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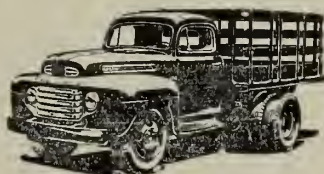
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On April 17, 1950, once again the excitement of the annual Washington Trip rose high in the hearts of 14 Smith Academy Seniors, as they patiently awaited the arrival of the 7:00 A.M. train at Northampton.

Included in the group were Phyllis Pelis, Antoinette Neilson, Janet Vollinger, Carol Levitre, Mary Belden, Joyce Cantwell, Helen Backiel, Joan Moriarty, Dorothea Fortsch, Ann Kennedy, George Coor, Bernard Saydlowski, John Barrett and Robert Widelo.

At the station we met our chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Battey, and also one student from Hopkins Academy, Mary Anne Niedbala. The train finally arrived and we hastily boarded it, eager to be on our way. Laughter and song kept us in a happy mood, and in a short while the conductor announced that we were at Grand Central Station.

Leaving Grand Central, we walked a short distance to the B. and O. bus terminal, where we waited for a bus to take us to the Jersey City ferry. On the ferry we all got off the bus and went up to the top deck, to view the beautiful

Statue of Liberty and the skyline of New York City. After arriving on the Jersey City shore, we again boarded a train, which took us straight through to our nation's capital.

We arrived in Washington at 5:30 P.M.; a bus was waiting to take us to the Burlington Hotel, where we were assigned our rooms. We all rushed to our quarters at once, to freshen up before dinner. At dinner we made plans for the evening, each persons wanting to do something different. Some went walking, some visiting relatives, and others remaining in their rooms. We had to be in our rooms at 11:00, but most of us didn't get to bed until the next morning.

We were up bright and early Tuesday morning. We ate breakfast in a private dining room, which was exclusively ours for the week. We then hurried out to the waiting bus where we became acquainted with our amiable guide, Gay Concoleman. Our first stop was the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, where we saw money being made. It was interesting to watch the faces of our classmates, seeing all this money and not being able to get near it. Our next stop was the famous Washington Monument. Here, as tired as we all

# Trip



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were from our previous night, most of us gallantly attempted the climb of 898 steps to the top. We arrived, finally, happy and eager to see the city from such a height.

On Tuesday afternoon, we were taken to the famous Naval Academy at Annapolis. We were fortunate to see a dress parade of the students. We also saw the Naval chapel, the museum and the tomb of John Paul Jones. We then returned to the hotel for supper. After eating, we went to the Congressional Library, the largest in the world. We viewed here, much to our amazement, the smallest book in the world and the original Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States. We were also taken on a tour of the city that evening so that we could see the famous buildings, such as Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and the Capitol, lit up; we were impressed by the magnificence of these buildings at night. We then returned to the hotel where some of us wrote post cards and letters home, while the majority just talked about our first eventful day.

On Wednesday we went to the Franciscan Monastery, where we saw replicas of the tombs in Jerusalem. We also toured the Catholic University of America and the Zoological Gardens.

In the afternoon we toured the Capitol of the United States. Wednesday night we had free, so we all went to the movies and saw "Francis".

Thursday morning we traveled by motor coach to the Smithsonian Institute, where we saw a great many things of interest, such as the Inaugural dresses of all the presidents' wives, the first airplane flown by the Wright brothers, and a replica of Mount Vernon done in mother-of-pearl. We spent a great deal of time in the three buildings which make up the Smithsonian Institute. In the afternoon we traveled to the famous Arlington National Cemetery, where we viewed the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the changing of the guard. We also traveled to Mt. Vernon, the home of our first president. We returned to the hotel for supper and it was decided that we would go to Glen Echo amusement park that night. We all had a very enjoyable evening. When we returned to our rooms, most of us hung out of the windows, trying to get acquainted with students from other schools, but this was ended by a sudden shower (some students of the other schools insisted on throwing ice cream cartons full of ice water at us.) Of course, Thursday night being our last one in the big city, we held our regular "gab session", but we also trav-





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eled from one room to another, and I think that the switchboard operator had a pretty busy evening. Nevertheless, I think we did get a "little" sleep before dawn.

Friday morning we jumped out of bed hastily, before breakfast, and we were all set to start for New York. On our way to Union Station we were shown many interesting buildings, but were too excited about getting to New York to remember much of anything. Again our singing helped us to pass the time away until we reached New York. We went directly to the Bristol Hotel. Our Washington room numbers will always be remembered—the boys had 411 and 412, while the girls had 230, 238 and 342. At the Bristol our numbers were: girls 338, 336 and 342; boys 312. When we arrived at the Bristol, we unpacked only what we needed and then went to Radio City Music Hall, where we saw the famous Rockettes in the annual Easter show, and also the movie, "The Daughter of Rosie O'Grady". After supper we went on a tour of Rockefeller Center and the National Broadcasting Studios, where we had the thrilling experience of going up 67 floors in a few seconds. When we reached the

67th floor, we again took an elevator to the 70th floor, where the observation tower is located. Coming back to the hotel that night with any idea of sleep was preposterous!!! At five o'clock Saturday morning we were still wandering around the hotel; no one was in his own room. We had left specific orders not to be called until at least ten on the last morning, but we were found wandering sleepily around at 9:00 A.M. That was the morning the boys and girls went shopping, but the boys did more sidewalk shopping than anything else. After eating a delicious dinner at the hotel, we packed our suitcases for the last time and checked out of the hotel. We were then taken on a tour of New York City, including the very nice sections and the Bowery and Chinatown. We once again entered Grand Central, at 5:30 P.M., and this time headed for the big little town that we call home—"Hatfield". We were all really sorry to see this wonderful trip come to an end; but, of course, we were glad to be home once again.

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